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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Harrison DATE TYPED 2/07/04 HB 493

SHORT TITLE Navajo Veterans Housing Assistance Program SB _____

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	\$1,750.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From
Department of Indian Affairs

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 493 appropriates \$1.75 million from the general fund to the Indian Affairs Department to provide funding for a housing assistance program for Navajo veterans.

Significant Issues

The Department of Indian Affairs reports:

Housing is an important issue among Veterans. Native Americans are eight times more likely to live in substandard housing conditions than other Americans according to a report by Harvard University. The needs of Navajo veterans like other veterans are often not prioritized leaving them to live without those needs being met.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1.75 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2005 shall revert to the general fund..

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